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FOR: "PROCESS FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FLUID PHASE SUBSTRATE BY  
DYNAMIC HETEROGENEOUS CONTACT WITH AN AGENT"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to the Notice mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on October 15, 2001 in the above-referenced application. A deadline to respond was set to expire two months from the date of the Notice, making a response due by December 15, 2001.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

--1. (Amended) A process for the conversion of a substantially fluid phase substrate by heterogeneous contact of the substrate or a fragment or derivative thereof with a substantially solid phase agent wherein the solid phase agent is comprised as a surface of a support element or part thereof and the support element is adapted to rotate around an axis such that the solid phase agent